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Hastings et al.

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For: Novel Hyaluronan-binding Protein Encoding
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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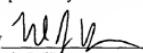
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to and including August 11, 2003 (August 9, 2003 being a Saturday; *see* 35 U.S.C. § 21) to respond to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account. In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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